Regarding File PLN 2007-06419/CEQ2007-01047

The attached signatures are from residents, school personnel and/or people employed in the City of Santa Clara. We are very concerned about the Planning commission's Notice regarding a Mitigated Negative Declaration for 2585 El Camino Real.

The City of Santa Clara is planning to allow too much in a property that is less than 1.5 acres. A five story building with 60 residential units plus commercial businesses will definitely impact the neighborhood. Sixty to ninety parking places is not adequate parking for all the residents in the proposed building. To add commercial businesses with a lack of parking will compound the problem.

We are concerned for the pedestrians that will be shopping and living there. The traffic on El Camino will be impacted by the slower and heavier traffic. People will have to park in adjacent business' parking lots which will reduce the parking availability for their own customers. They will lose business as a result. Pedestrian traffic on El Camino will significantly increase.

We have two public schools, one private school, the Youth Activity Center and a skateboard park in the neighborhood. There are also cricket, soccer and softball teams that practice and play games in the parks nearby. To add more traffic on Warburton may cause injury or worse to the children and adults who walk with them. People who reside in those units may be taking "the back roads" to get to their residence which will further impact traffic on quiet residential streets.

We don't understand how David J. Powers & Associates could have done proper mitigation monitoring and truly come up with a "no significant environmental effects" statement. There is a natural creek that abuts the proposed development. Where is the State of California Environmental Impact report? Has one been done? If not, we are requesting one before any other decisions are made.

We ask that the City of Santa Clara deny Mr. Malley's request to put in a five story building. A five story building would be the tallest building in the area and significantly change the environment for the worse. Perhaps a one or two story senior housing project would make better sense.

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City of Santa Clara Planning Commission and Members of the City Council,

RE: Proposed rezoning of 2585 El Camino Real

We are opposed to the adoption of a General Plan Amendment for the construction of a five story commercial and condominium structure at 2585 El Camino Real for several reasons.

We question placing this building on a major artery that is already congested. The project does not appear to have adequate parking for both the condo residents and commercial shops. What is the city plan for the overflow parking? The plans indicate that there will only be one entry and exit driveway for the sixty to ninety resident vehicles. This will be a nightmare for people trying to exit on weekdays as they go to work. Imagine having Road-rage with you neighbor!

We also believe that this structure can result in a fire hazard to residents of the building and surrounding properties. A fire in the back of the building will be difficult to battle and could easily spread to nearby homes and other commercial property.

An initial Study by David Powers & Associates indicated that the proposed construction of this five story project will not have a significant effect on the environment. When was this study made? Where can it be seen?

This structure will deprive neighboring residents of backyard and window privacy. These properties will also experience sunlight deprivation which will cause growth of moss, mold and fungi. Residents on the South side of Donovan Avenue have had an alarming rise in this type growth since the second story was added to Russell's Furniture Store.

We believe that this will adversely impact Saratoga Creek as well as the entire surrounding community. We urge the City Planners to reject this request to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration now before them.

Concerned Citizens, Arnold and Margaret Rucker 2626 Donovan Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95051 408-296-4637

Email: arnpeg@sbcglobal.net

To The Planning Commission on the Notice of the Hearing on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 regarding the proposed Saratoga Creek project.

I have been a resident of Santa Clara for 44 years. I was born in Sunnyvale. I am against the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, General Plan Amendment #68 from Mixed Use to Transit-Oriented Mixed Use and the Rezoning from CT (Thoroughfare Commercial) to PD (Planned Development) for the development of a five-story mixed use project at 2585 El Camino Real.

I request a current, 2007 or 2008, state environmental study regarding any possible negative effects on surrounding properties and the community at large.

The construction of a five-story building with ground floor retail, podium parking with 60 condominium units above will have a major environmental impact on the community.

This project will deprive surrounding properties of daylight, backyard and window privacy. The addition of 60, 90 or more vehicles will cause air pollution and increase traffic congestion of El Camino Real and surrounding City streets. I question that there is enough parking to accommodate retail businesses and condominium residents. What plans have been made for overflow parking?

I can foresee a five story building being a fire hazard to the residents of the building and the surrounding neighbors.

I do not want El Camino Real to become a corridor of five story or even taller buildings.

The City officials need to show the people of Santa Clara how and why a five story mixed use structure on this site is in the City's best interest.

Marlene Kanawyer

1701 Shamrock Avenue

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Santa Clara, CA 95051

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I have a list of issue's in opposing your proposal for a Five Story, Sixty unit Condominium at 2585 El Camino.

It's overall size and location will cause an adverse increase in traffic due to the already approved forty five condos at 2250 El Camino, the approved and pending four hundred and fifty condos complex at the Kohl's location on El Camino and Lawrence Expressway and finally the up coming plans for the old Kaiser Hospital for even more Condos or residential usage or what ever the final decision of homes will be. The over whelming amount of traffic this will cause on El Camino will take us back years to the time of bumper to bumper traffic we older residents had to endure when the teenagers would cruise on this area of El Camino.

Our privacy is also an issue for such a high building, obstruction of views towards the Mt. Hamilton Range, our natural blue skyline obscured, the drop in our home values due to proximity to a building being so tall. These issues affect everyone living on both sides of El Camino. A majority of residents in the area have not been told of this proposed development and are unaware of the April 9 meeting.

The people who would live in these condos will find it difficult to come home to at this proposed location. Travelers driving South toward El Camino would use Warburton Avenue as a short cut, driving pass two marked school crossings on Wade and Shamrock, an unmarked crossing on Ravizza and go to either Oswald or Higgins streets heading for Robinson street to come out at the El Pollo Loco Restaurant on El Camino. This unnecessary driving through a residential neighborhood will be done to avoid heavy traffic on The El Camino..

This site is surrounded by three schools, Bowers Elementary, Cabrillo Junior and a private Christian School. This route also includes: Bowers Park; Cabrillo School grounds Youth Activates Center; the Pony League field; the three Little League fields; Softball, Soccer, Cricket, the new Board Skating site and any other sports use at Bowers park. Warburton borders every one of the above stated locations or facilities.

Which one of our City Planners or City Counsel members will take responsibility for injuries or fatalities to family members using these facilities when travelers start using this shortcut due to poor planning Many of us are long time resident homeowners and have been proud to say we live in Santa Clara. This is not a time to throw caution to the wind but to realize this is not a good location for a Condominium.

Sincerely

Louis Rubalcava

2636 Donovan Ave.

Santa Clara, CA. 95051

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SHADE AND SHADOW ANALYSIS

FIGURE 2

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RE: Project at 2585 El Camino Real.

 I want to address issues previously stated in the April 9th and May 28 meetings.

• I contacted the VTA county bus services and talked with Kermit Cuff a scheduler for VTA. He stated that there were no plans now or in the future to increase bus service along the El Camino Real due to lack of funding.

 At present the priority is to add an express line similar to the 522 line for Stevens Creek Blvd, but nothing is planned or proposed for El Camino Real.

RE: Study regarding travel to the Cabrillo school by children.

- The report indicated children would not walk due to distance of 1.12 miles and did not account for more realistic foot traffic traveled by children using existing neighborhood shortcut. The distance indicated would be cut in half by children crossing the little league field at Warburton to get to Cabrillo School.
- Realistically children would travel East on El Camino Real from proposed site to Morse Lane and chose any of 5 different streets to cross at the little league field. Estimated distance would be 6/10 of a Mile using this shortcut. This proves that renters or future owners will increase traffic on Warburton using this route to go home. Why didn't the traffic study include the existing children using the two school crossings at Wade and Shamrock?

Question:

- Why were notices mailed by planning staff regarding this project indicating a 5 story building, and now sending out notices indicating it is 4 stories?
- The plan of proposed building shows a height in excess of 50 vertical feet facing El Camino Real and 45 feet to the rear only twenty feet from the back fence obstructing views of the hills to the South. Residents on Robinson will see nothing but this massive structure from their backyards.

Louis Rubalcava 2636 Donovan Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95051 To: Planning Commission of Santa Clana, CA.
Re: PLN2007-06419/CEQ2007-01047

Affected Address: 2585 EL CAMINO Real Planned Development.

I would like to bring up three Reasons for my concern about the preoposed construction of a S story building be hined my property of 2580 Robinson Aue. Santa Clarea, 95051

1. Loss of potential value of my property

2. TRAFFIC in the Neighborhood, will increase, because of the short cut people will make to get to there new home on and @ 2585 CI Camino. From Bowers to Morse Lave. Plus the View of my property comeing down Raivisa toward my Lot will su fun.

3. I'm refined and make, extre

painting and drawing, pastels and water color and is use the Light that comes through the windows of my living room and family room. The proposed building would destroy my income. Barbara Murchy 18-0846

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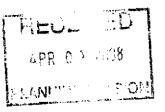
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Olty of Santa Clare Planning Division To: Planning Commission, Santa Clara Re: PLN2007-06419/CEQ2007-01047

Affected address: 2585 El Camino Real/Planned Development



I would like to bring up three items of concern regarding this proposal (ie objections). I live at 2580 Robinson Ave, a resident/owner of an off-set Duplex unit which shares about 60 linear feet of fence bordering the 2585 El Camino Real property.

I co-own this property with my sister and we've both lived here (both levels) since 1983.

-Loss of View, Airspace, Light, Privacy, and potential loss of Resale value My first concern is the loss of southern view, invasion of airspace, loss of light, and loss of privacy. I am currently fortunate to have a largely unobstructed view (looking toward SaveMart), with large blue airspace above, and a large expanse of mountain ridge line in the distance, including sunsets, etc. A large amount of light and blue sky is visable toward the rear of our lot. So nice is this view that in 1990 I paid for a rear-viewing deck (Sears/Arnway builder) to enhance and expand my rear-facing living "space". We have attempted to maintain a 6-foot high wooden fence bordering the property but the advance of high-growing Ivy trees on the 2585 property have made the fence only last about 10 years each time. The proposed construction of this rezoning request will obliterate our nice view, sunlight, and elliminate what significant privacy we now enjoy. I have concerns about the front view of our property (viewed from Robinson Ave) as it will be greatly affected by the height of the proposed multi-family dwelling/retail structure. It will certainly negatively affect the resale value/desirability of our property.

-Traffic concerns (on El Camino)

I've seen the effect of 25 years' time on El Camino because the turn from Morse Lane (south bound) onto El Camino has gradually gotten worse. The short block from San Tomas to Morse Lane was not originally designed for the volume and speed of the traffic, especially the rightturning traffic from south-bound San Tomas Expy turning onto El Camino Real. The cars appear to not slow down enough which creates a tense situation at Morse Lane as cars emerge or turn there, I'm concerned that this development project will add to this affect creating a "gridlock" at rush hours on El Camino.

-Soundwall/Growth of lvy

Directly behind the adjacent Mazda repair shop is a concrete-block sound-wall about 9 feet high. The soundwall terminates at the 2585 El Camino Real property. I would suggest (looking forward) continuing the wall all the way to the aquaduct area. Efforts should be made (in any event) to control the Ivy growth on the 2585 El Camino Real property side.

Respectfully yours, High S. Solkins Stephen A. Adkins

3/31/08

public comment

From:

Debby Fernandez

To: Date:

Benncs08@aol.com 3/31/2008 5:10 PM

Subject:

Re: PLN2007-06419/ceq2007-01047 Debby Fernandez

CC:

Sciara, Gloria

Thank you for your comments Cynthia. Your email will be included as part of the staff report for this project with respect to public comments and Planning Commission and City Council consideration.

>>> Benncs08@aol.com 3/31/2008 10:04 AM >>>

The following has sent a message:

Name: Cynthia Bennett Email: Benncs08@aol.com

Comments: This is regarding the 60 unit condo and retail project to be located at 2585 El Camino real. Proposed by Greg Mailey, Nobel Group. I am very apposed to this project. I am a homeowner on the 2400 block of Warburton. Our area is so conjested with all the new condos going up. You can't even get into the post office on Klely without waiting in line for a parking spot. The Santa Clara area is now over crowded. The streets can no longer handle the traffic. I do not want 60 condos to go up in my neighborhood!! It was bad enough when a two home lot on Bowers/Warburton Ave. was converted to a 12 home lot! It looks terrible, and we were never asked for our approval. Traffic has tripled in the last few years, making our streets unsafe and now we have strange people digging through are trash every week, even if I don't put the recycle on the street until the last minute, they now come onto my property and take it anyway!!! I am feed up!! Something needs to be done about over crowding!! Thank you,

Cynthia Bennett 408-557-9372

public comment

From:

Gloria Sciara

To:

markim2640@hotmail.com

Date:

3/24/2008 8:41 AM

Subject:

Re: Mitigated Negative Dec for 2585 El Camino Real

CC:

Debby Fernandez

Dear Ms. Kimura

Thank you for comments regarding the above referenced proposed development. Currently, the project is in its early stages, and residents in vicinity of the project will continue to be notified about the development process and public hearings. Your comments will be added to our administrative record, and included in any future staff reports. The project manager, Ms. Debby Fernandez, is copied here. If you have any specific questions about this project, please contact her directly at 408.615.2450.

Regards,

>>> markim2640@hotmail.com 3/22/2008 3:15 PM >>>

The following has sent a message:

Name: Mary Kimura

Email: markim2640@hotmail.com

Comments: I am opposed to a 5 story multi use building being erected at this address.

It is less than 1.5 acres. Housing for 60 on 4 floors and retail on the bottom floor will not have enough parking. It will impact traffic on El Carnino. Pedestrians will not be safe. Parking will overflow to adjacent businesses which will cause them to lose business.

The neighbors behind this building will not have privacy. The streets behind (Warburton and connecting streets) will have increased traffic.

Please deny this project and have someone come up with a reasonable project.

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To The Planning Commission regarding the proposed Saratoga Creek project.

I have been a resident at my current address of Santa Clara for 44 years. I am against the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, General Plan Amendment #68 from Mixed Use to Transit-Oriented Mixed Use and the Rezoning from CT (Thoroughfare Commercial) to PD (Planned Development) for the development of a five-story mixed use project at 2585 El Camino Real.

The construction of a five-story building with ground floor retail, podium parking with 60 condominium units above will have a major negative environmental impact on the community.

This project will deprive surrounding properties of daylight, backyard and window privacy. The addition of 60, 90 or more vehicles **will** increase traffic congestion of El Camino Real and surrounding City streets. I still question that there is enough parking to accommodate retail businesses and condominium residents.

It seems a bad time for this project to be built now that California is under a voluntary water rationing.

I do not want El Camino Real to become a corridor of five story or even taller buildings. I believe that this is taking away from the beauty of Santa Clara. Take a look at the Shopping Center at Montague near LaFayette and the surrounding apartments and condos. This area does not look beautiful or some place I would want to live.

As the keepers of our City, please take a good look at what this is going to do now and in the future. We like El Camino and its businesses and prefer it remain that way.

Marlene Kanawyer 1701 Shamrock Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95051

Phone: 408-246-9391 marlenekanawyer@att.net

This picture of a three story building was taken from a distance of 25 feet. The camera was unable to capture all three floors at this distance.

The picture is actually what the residents of Robinson Avenue will see over their back fence, however, this structure appears to be only approximately 35 feet tall, not the 42 foot height of the proposed 2585 El Camino Real building.

Is this fair to the Robinson residents?

At the first Planning meeting I attended regarding the proposed building at 2585 El Camino Real one of the Planners asked if the architect could prepare a visual of the view from the back yards of the Robinson residences.

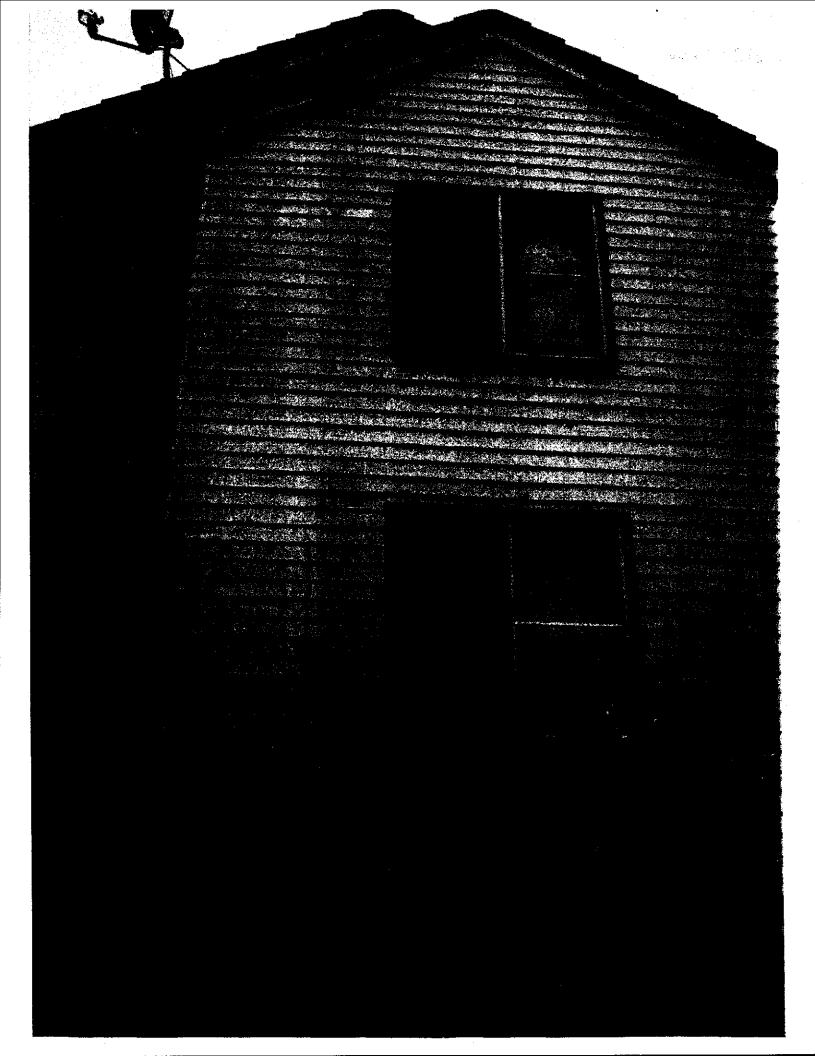
The following meeting the architect showed a picture which she claimed satisfied the Planner's request. There was one slight problem, her rendering, showed what the people on the opposite side of Robinson will see from their front yard. This representation greatly softened the impact that the unfortunate properties backed up to the project will have in their **back** yards.

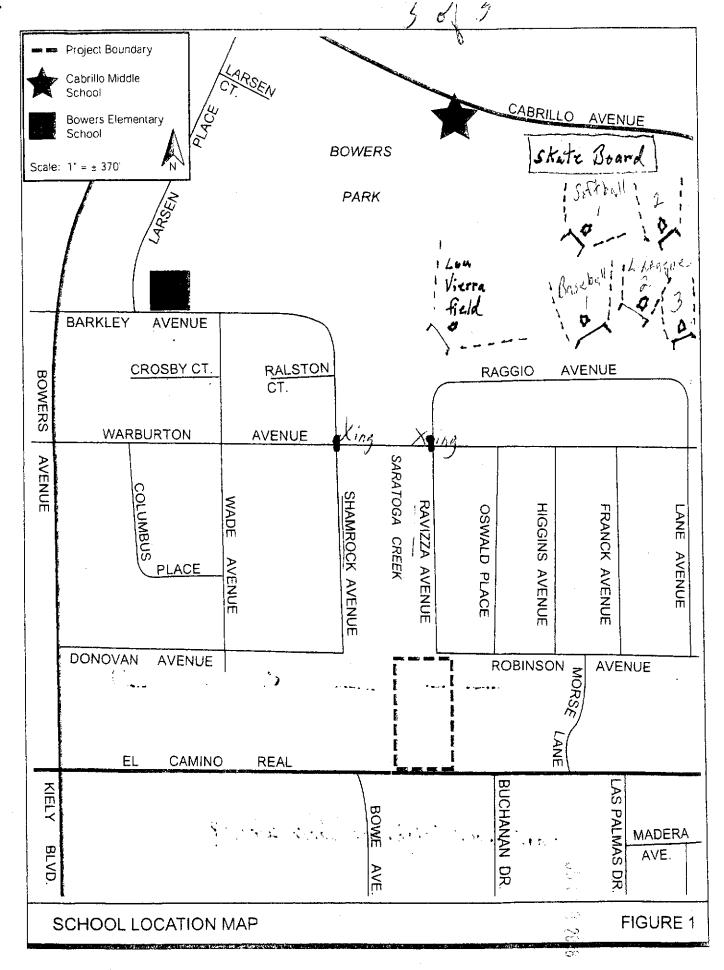
Please take the time to revisit the architect's rendering.

I also want to point out the single driveway for entrance and egress onto El Camion Real. Think of trying to get to work in the morning, along with 60 to 120 neighbors, all using the same narrow driveway to turn onto a major traffic artery with a posted speed of 35 MPH.

Is it really safe to have only one possible egress lane for as many as 125 vehicles?

Peg Rucker 2626 Donovan Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95051





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